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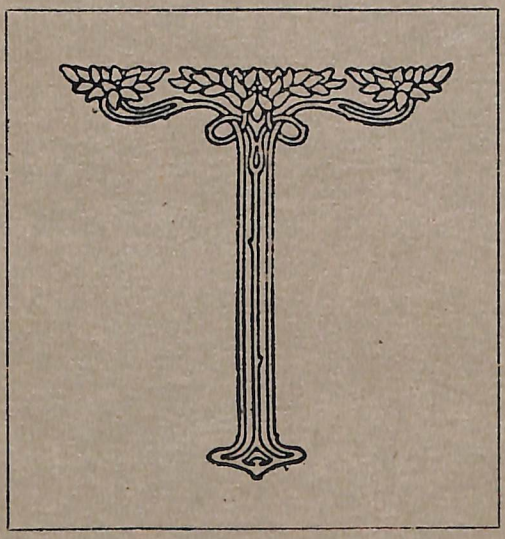

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1908-1909

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OF

BOARD OF EDUCATION.
1909-1910.

E. A. Cook, President,	Term expires August 1, 1910
J. G. Seitz,	Term expires August 1, 1910
F. M. Brasier,	Term expires August 1, 1911
Harry Halton,	Term expires August 1, 1912
H. T. Burnap,	Term expires August 1, 1912

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—J. G. Seitz, H. T. Burnap.
Buildings and Supplies—H. T. Burnap, F. M. Braiser.
Teachers—Harry Halton, J. G. Seitz, E. S. Lake.
Regular Meetings—First Friday evening in each month.

ROLL OF TEACHERS.
1909-1910.

Superintendent,	E. S. Lake
HIGH SCHOOL:	
Principal,	Irving Belote
Assistant Principal,	Hugh G. Aldrich
Assistant and Music,	Miss Myrtle Denby
CENTRAL SCHOOL:	
Eighth Grade,	Miss Mattie W. Gray
Seventh and Eighth Grades,	Miss Kate B. Miller
Seventh Grade,	Miss Agnes Orr
Sixth Grade,	Miss Ruth Megowen
Fifth Grade,	Miss Verna Frost
Fourth and Fifth Grades,	Miss Bessie I. Cresswell
Fourth Grade,	Miss Olive B. Christy
Third Grade,	Miss Grace B. Lowe
Second Grade,	Miss Georgia Boyd
First Grade,	Miss Cora Miller
Primary,	Miss Lelia L. Moore
GILLHAM SCHOOL:	
Third to Sixth Grade,	Miss Rhoda M. Bartlett
First-Second Grade,	Miss Lutie Rice
LINCOLN SCHOOL:	
First to Eighth Grade,	Wm. Wilhite
Substitute Teacher,	Florence Forward

Statistics—Census Report.

Under 21 Years of Age.

White.	Males 762	Females 777	Total 1539
Colored.	Males 48	Females 61	Total 109
	Totals 810	838	1648

Under 6 Years of Age.

White.	Males 199	Females 214	Total 413
Colored.	Males 12	Females 20	Total 32
	211	234	445

School Buildings.

Central School,	1
Gillham School,	1
Lincoln School,	1
For Janitor,	1

Teachers.

Number of Teachers in High School,	4
Number of Teachers in Grammar Grades,	4
Number of Teachers in Intermediate Grades,	5
Number of Teachers in Primary Grades,	5
Total Number of Teachers,	18

Upper Alton Public Schools.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Village Board of Trustees, Citizens and Patrons of the Public Schools of Upper Alton, Illinois:

Your Board of Education begs to submit the annual report of the public schools for the fiscal year ending August 1, 1909.

The schools are, we think, in a condition that is indeed commendable. Every patron and citizen might well be proud of his school as it is at the close of this year. Yet with even greater pride should he anticipate the coming term. The work progressed substantially last term through the united efforts of all the teachers. For the year soon to open almost every teacher appointed has had the advantage of some of the State Normal Schools. This of itself stands for better work, and commends the school to the people. It is with pleasure that the Board reports this feature.

Supt. S. J. Curlee has resigned, and accepted a better position as superintendent of the public schools at Havana, Illinois. During the two years Mr. Curlee was with us he served the people well and impartially. The pupils soon learned that in him they had a friend. The teachers esteemed him for his valuable assistance, and the people knew him for his genial and pleasant manner. We truly wish him and his family well in their new home.

Prof. E. S. Lake has been appointed to succeed Mr. Curlee, and we feel sure no better appointment could have been made to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Lake served as principal of our high school in 1906-7, and needs no introduction. He spent last year doing special work at Ann Arbor, Michigan. We are sure the teachers, pupils and patrons will join us in welcoming him as Superintendent of the Upper Alton Schools. His coming not only insures the maintenance of the present high standing of our schools, but means a move for even more dignified and scholarly work.

Mr. C. F. Anderson, Mr. J. K. Skinner, Miss Anna Hollard, Miss Rita S. Webster, Miss Lillian Gillham and Miss Lillian Curlee closed their services in our schools. Some served us only one year, while

others have spent many years in our teaching force. They were all faithful in their duties, and they have our most kindly wishes in their future undertakings.

Miss Georgia Boyd has been appointed to Room No. 2. She is a graduate of our school with the Class of 1907. Since then she has taught successful terms and taken one term in Normal School.

Miss Ruth Megowen will have charge of Room No. 6. She was of the Class of 1908, and did good work as substitute teacher one year, and has also taken advantage of Normal School.

Miss Agnes Orr will care for the pupils of Room No. 7. She comes to us with experience and special training, and during the school year of 1908-9 she did work in Shurtleff College.

Mr. Hugh G. Aldrich has been secured to act as assistant principal. We are satisfied his Christian character and moral influence is of the highest type. Besides his high school training, he is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal. During the last year he has done advanced work in the sciences in the University of Michigan. He is a man of teaching experience, and holds a State Life Certificate. His work in the Conservatory of Music at Ypsilanti fitted him as a tenor soloist of no small note.

Mr. Irving Belote has been appointed principal. We are also assured of the moral and Christian character he has forged for himself. He comes from the University, and last year did advanced work in mathematics. He has had experience as well as training. He is interested in Y. M. C. A. work, and is a musician of ability, both vocal and instrumental.

So, with Prof. Lake as superintendent and instructor in the languages, Mr. Belote teaching the mathematics, Mr. Aldrich the sciences and Miss Benby, literature and acting as musical director, we feel sure Upper Alton High School has a faculty second to none in the state. Such a high school should attract the attention of any who may be interested in an education. Already the enrollment bids fair to exceed any in the history of the school.

Miss Lutie Rice has been appointed to the primary department of Gillham School.

The death of Mr. S. B. Gillham during the year caused a vacancy, to which Mr. Harry Halton was appointed. By action of this board a page in this annual report has been dedicated to the memory of our esteemed co-worker and friend. The vacancy to which Mr. Halton was appointed causes his term to expire. The other members of the board are pleased to note his re-appointment for a full

term. He has already proved himself a worthy and capable member, and we welcome his return. The term of Mr. E. J. McPhillips expires. To fill the vacancy thus caused, Dr. H. T. Burnap has been appointed. He is well known, and is a man whose services will prove of value to the district.

All the buildings have been quite thoroughly repaired, both inside and outside. Some necessary painting was done, and new floors placed in two rooms. New desks have been placed in No. 6 and also in Room 10, which is used for recitation purposes. Floors throughout the buildings have been treated to a preparation of oil, which preserves the wood and prevents the disseminating of dust which is a frequent cause of disease. The school property in general, lawns and grounds, are in a much better condition than usual.

The Superintendent and the Treasurer each have detailed reports of interest in this book.

We have caused the Special Charter under which this school operates to be printed in this report. Patrons and citizens should read it and become acquainted with the law controlling this school district.

Your board has at all times endeavored to conduct the school economically and wisely, being mindful that the cheapest is not always the most economical. It has acted ever in the interest of the health and education of the children of the Upper Alton School District.

Our actions have been opposed and severely criticised by some, yet we have continued to give our time and efforts in behalf of the schools. It is with exceeding great pleasure that we have an increased interest on the part of patrons. This active interest is the best expression of appreciation, and we believe it will continue. We close this fiscal year of the Upper Alton Public Schools, sincerely believing them to be in a condition they never before enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. McPHILLIPS, President.
E. A. COOK,
J. G. SEITZ,
F. M. BRASIER,
HARRY HALTON.

A Word of Gratitude.

We, the undersigned members of the board, take this method of publicly expressing our gratitude to Mr. E. J. McPhillips for the splendid services he has rendered this school district. While acting as our president, he has presided with justice and business ability on all occasions. His presence was always agreeable; his deliberations careful, and his counsel valuable. He sacrificed time from his duties and never found any task too great for him to perform for our schools. Better public schools for Upper Alton was his one desire, and to this end he gave much thought and effort. Being connected with him on your board, we have had opportunity to know him as a school man, and have appreciated his ambition to serve for permanent good to our schools. Mr. McPhillips has accomplished much of worth, and quite to the satisfaction of the patrons.

Respectfully,

E. A. COOK,
J. G. SEITZ,
F. M. BRASIER,
HARRY HALTON.

In Memory of Shadrach Bond Gillham.

Inasmuch as S. B. Gillham was an active member of the Upper Alton School Board for twenty-two years, laying down its burdens only at the call of an All-Wise Providence, we have deemed it proper to set aside a page in this report to his memory.

He has been, indeed, a servant of the people in such capacity, being always interested in the smaller as well as the greater things of the school; giving his energy and time; ever cheering pupil, teacher and fellow-member of the board; counseling wisely and correctly, and presiding with kindness and justice in all board meetings.

The patrons of the Upper Alton Public Schools have, in the death of Mr. Gillham, lost a true and devoted friend to the institution, and we, the members of the Board of Education, deeply feel his absence; but we rejoice that his work and conduct, while one of us, will ever inspire us to honor his name.

E. J. McPHILLIPS, President.
E. A. COOK,
J. G. SEITZ,
F. M. BRASIER,
HARRY HALTON.

Report of the Treasurer

OF THE

UPPER ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

From August 1, 1908, to August 1, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

1908			
Aug.	1	Balance on hand	$ 2510 51
Oct.	22	From W. W. Reeder, interest	19 50
Dec.	19	From Enos Johnson, Panama Canal Exhibit	5 00
1909			
March	1	From H. M. Sanders, County Treasurer	8592 41
May	1	From J. U. Uzzell, County Superintendent	906 40
		From Mrs. M. Loehr, interest	6 00
			6 00
June	1	From S. J. Curlee, back tuition	178 95
		From S. J. Curlee, tuition for 1908-9	18 55
June	3	From A. E. Benbow, interest	30 00
June	20	From Trustees M. E. Church, interest	2380 00
July	19	From H. M. Sanders, County Treasurer	19 50
		From William Wilhite, interest	10 00
		Error in payment of blank coupon	
		Total receipts	$14682 82

EXPENDITURES.

Order No.		
1887	James Patterson, grading	$ 6 45
1898	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
1916	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	5 35
1918	A. A. Penning, grading	27 50
1919	Alton Gas and Electric Co., lights for June	80
1920	W. A. Clark Drug Co., supplies	1 10
1921	C. E. Megowen, tile, etc.	38 75
1922	G. E. Vaughn, janitor	12 00
1923	Sarah L. Smith, janitor	3 50
1925	S. J. Curlee, taking census	15 00
1926	R. F. Seely, paper	4 47
1927	R. B. Lowe, papering	5 15
1928	Chas. E. Megowen, supplies	3 90
1929	Enos Johnson, salary	50 00
1930	Sarah L. Smith, janitor	3 50
1931	John Vaughn, grubbing tree	1 00
1932	Electric Construction and Supply Co., supplies	12 45
1933	J. E. Johnson, anti-splashers	70

Order No.		
1934	Wm. Kauffmer, labor	$ 40 00
1934½	Jas. Patterson, moving desks	75
1935	John Kohle, storing coal	1 75
1936	Mrs. S. L. Smith, cleaning school-house	7 50
1937	Chas. Hardy, plastering	10 25
1938	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	26 20
1939	C. J. Jacoby & Co., paper	5 92
1940	W. M. Welch & Co., chairs	42 00
1941	C. E. McGowen, paints and supplies	50 58
1942	Henry Kasten, kindling	5 00
1943	Streeper & Penning, supplies	4 70
1944	R. O. Mueller, floor oil	11 31
1945	Chas. Hardy, plastering	25 00
1946	Atchison & Son, printing	3 75
1947	Frank Sargent, coal	189 19
1948	O. M. Elder, repairs	28 25
1949	John L. Williams, March's Thesaurus	13 50
1950	Mrs. Sarah L. Smith, janitor	3 00
1951	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
1952	W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., supplies	20 70
1953	W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., desk	5 00
1954	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 56
1955	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
1956	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
1957	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
1958	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
1959	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
1960	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
1961	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
1962	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
1963	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
1964	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
1965	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	40 00
1966	L. B. Gillham, teaching	45 00
1967	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
1968	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
1969	Rhoda Bartlett, teaching	60 00
1970	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
1971	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
1972	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
1973	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	5 00
1974	Sarah L. Smith, janitor	13 00
1975	William Howard, janitor	6 50
1976	Atchison & Son, printing	8 25
1977	Wm. N. Atkins, labor	4 40
1978	William Still, labor	3 50
1979	Frank Still, labor	7 90
1980	Wm. Howard, labor	5 25
1981	American Seating Co., desks	33 75
1982	J. F. Riggs Pub. Co., records	3 50
1983	J. F. Riggs Pub. Co., book	6 48
1984	R. D. Nixon, sink strainer	1 00
1985	W. A. Clark Drug Co., supplies	14 80
1986	H. K. Johnston, hardware	60

Order No.		
1987	Cecil Hardy, placing the flag pole	$ 2 00
1988	J. R. Logan, repairing clock	1 25
1989	B. C. Dailey, soap	50
1990	Streeper & Penning, hardware	6 95
1991	Frank Loehr, freight and express	9 94
1992	Enos Johnson, postage	1 00
1993	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 56
1994	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
1995	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
1996	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
1997	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
1998	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
1999	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2000	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2001	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2002	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	38 85
2003	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2004	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	37 70
2005	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	45 00
2006	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2007	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2009	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2010	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2011	Ruth Megowen, teaching	8 45
2012	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2014	Mrs. Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00
2015	William Howard, janitor and laundry	6 50
2016	W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., desk	11 00
2017	O. M. Elder, setting blackboard	16 00
2018	Ginn & Co., books	11 52
2019	D. B. & D. M. Kittinger, toweling and oil cloth	1 95
2020	Alton Gas and Electric Co., lights for October	1 53
2021	Goulding's Sons' Co., clock	4 50
2022	C. E. Megowen, repairs	6 58
2023	A. J. Nystrom & Co., map	2 13
2024	A. A. Penning, labor	5 00
2025	O. G. Stelle, black boards	108 39
2026	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	56 82
2027	Chas. H. Campbell, material and labor	8 79
2028	American Radiator Co., flue brush	1 80
2029	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 56
2030	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2031	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2032	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2033	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2034	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2035	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2036	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2037	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2038	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2039	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2040	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	40 00

Order No.		
2041	L. B. Gillham, teaching	$ 23 57
2042	Cora Miller, teaching	38 10
2043	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2044	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2045	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2046	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2047	Ruth Megowen, teaching	23 33
2048	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2049	Mrs. Wm. Stolp, laundry	2 50
2050	Mrs. Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00
2051	William Howard, janitor and laundry	6 50
2052	Beardslee Hardware Co., supplies	4 90
2053	Alton Elec. Const'n. and Sup. Co., supplies and labor	2 80
2054	Alton Sentinel-Democrat, printing	2 00
2055	Alton Gas and Electric Co., lights for November	1 71
2056	P. S. Webster, supplies	4 20
2057	Ginn & Co., books	24 29
2058	Burton & Sons, trees	19 75
2059	E. F. Davenport, supplies	2 25
2060	S. J. Curlee. Superintendent	155 56
2061	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2062	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2063	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2064	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2065	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2066	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2067	Rita S. Webster, teaching	44 02
2068	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2069	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2070	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2071	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	40 00
2072	L. B. Gillham, teaching	45 00
2073	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2074	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2075	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2076	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2077	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2078	Ruth Megowen, teaching	98
2079	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2080	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2081	Sarah L. Smith, janitor	13 00
2082	William Howard, janitor	6 50
2083	O. G. Stelle, black boards	46 24
2084	Standard Oil Co., 4 cases 1807	8 20
2085	W. A. Clark Drug Co., supplies	2 12
2086	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 55
2087	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2088	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2089	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2090	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2091	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2092	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2093	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2094	Verna Frost, teaching	15 25

Order No.		
2095	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	$ 45 00
2096	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2097	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	38 05
2098	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	45 00
2099	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2100	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2101	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2102	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2103	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2104	Ruth Megowen, teaching	26 70
2105	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2106	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2107	Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00
2108	William Howard, janitor and laundry	6 50
2108½	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for December	3 15
2109	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for January, 1909	1 89
2110	Alton Plumbing and Heating Co., faucets	3 50
2111	D. B. & D. M. Kittinger, supplies	1 75
2112	Beardslee Hardware Co., flue brush	2 75
2113	Davis-Sotier Co., door mats	2 00
2114	Melling & Gaskins Ptg. Co., Annual Reports	42 25
2115	Melling & Gaskins Ptg. Co., orders on Treas.	5 25
2116	J. T. King, supplies	6 78
2117	S. L. Warnack, repairs	1 65
2118	Frank Sargent, coal	62 45
2119	Barnard & Kerr, supplies	2 05
2120	O. M. Elder, setting black boards	9 00
2121	Electric Construction and Supply Co., repairs	2 75
2122	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 55
2123	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2124	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2125	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2126	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2127	K. B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2128	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2129	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2130	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2131	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2132	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2133	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	40 00
2134	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	43 87
2135	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2136	Leila L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2137	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2138	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2139	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2140	Ruth Megowen, teaching	1 13
2141	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2142	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2143	Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00
2144	William Howard, janitor and laundry	6 50
2145	J. T. Atchison & Son, printing	3 50
2146	Streeper & Penning, supplies	1 10
2147	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for February	2 52

Order No.		
2148	J. T. Nixon, maps	$ 3 90
2149	Beardslee Hardware Co., supplies	6 75
2150	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 55
2151	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2152	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2153	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2154	Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2155	Kate B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2156	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2157	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2158	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2159	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2160	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2161	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	38 25
2162	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	45 00
2163	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2164	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2165	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	60 00
2166	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2167	Wm. Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2168	Ruth Megowen, teaching	1 75
2169	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2170	Frank Sargent, coal	23 76
2170½	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2171	Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00
2172	William Howard, janitor and laundry	6 50
2173	Geo. Falconer, manure	1 00
2174	O. E. Weinbrenner, chemicals	13 45
2175	J. T. Atchison & Son, printing	4 00
2176	Monroe Shumake, kindling	1 25
2176½	J. J. Henry, moving piano	2 00
2177	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	5 75
2177½	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	155 55
2178	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for March	1 26
2178½	C. F. Anderson, Principal	75 00
2179	J. K. Skinner, Asst. Principal	70 00
2180	Mary Myrtle Denby, Asst. Principal and Music	60 00
2181	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	46 25
2182	Kate B. Miller, teaching	55 00
2183	Anna Hollard, teaching	40 00
2184	Rita S. Webster, teaching	45 00
2185	Verna Frost, teaching	40 00
2186	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2187	Olive B. Christy, teaching	45 00
2188	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	40 00
2189	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	42 95
2190	Cora Miller, teaching	39 10
2191	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	40 00
2192	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	58 65
2193	Lillian Curlee, teaching	45 00
2194	William Wilhite, teaching	65 00
2195	Ruth Megowen, teaching	13 05
2196	William Stolp, janitor	35 00
2197	Mrs. William Stolp, laundry	2 50
2198	Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	13 00

Order No.		
2199	William Howard, janitor and laundry	$ 6 50
2200	Chas. E. Megowen, supplies	5 69
2201	B. C. Richardson, tuning piano	2 50
2202	P. S. Webster, supplies	1 60
2203	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for April	1 53
2204	John Skinner, chemicals	3 50
2205	T. G. Emerson, salary of treasurer	150 00
2206		1 00
2207	Enos Johnson, postage	1 12
2208	Postal Telegraph Co., telegrams	155 55
2209	S. J. Curlee, Superintendent	75 00
2210	C. F. Anderson, Principal	70 00
2211	J. K. Skinner, Assistant Principal	60 00
2212	Mary M. Denby, Assistant Principal and music	55 00
2213	Mattie W. Gray, teaching	55 00
2214	Kate B. Miller, teaching	40 00
2215	Anna Hollard, teaching	45 00
2216	Rita S. Webster, teaching	40 00
2217	Verna Frost, teaching	45 00
2218	Bessie I. Cresswell, teaching	45 00
2219	Olive B. Christy, teaching	28 40
2220	Grace S. Lowe, teaching	45 00
2221	Lillian B. Gillham, teaching	40 00
2222	Cora Miller, teaching	40 00
2223	Lelia L. Moore, teaching	60 00
2224	Rhoda M. Bartlett, teaching	43 00
2225	Lillian Curlee, teaching	63 40
2226	William Wilhite, teaching	15 00
2227	Ruth Megowen, teaching	35 00
2228	William Stolp, janitor	2 50
2229	Mrs. William Stolp, teaching	13 00
2230	Sarah L. Smith, janitor and laundry	6 50
2231	William Howard, janitor and laundry	25
2232	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	1 08
2233	Alton Gas & Electric Co., light for May	4 79
2234	Frank Sargent, coal	72 00
2235	First Trust & Savings Bank, coupons	3 00
2236	J. T. King, clocks	15 00
2236½	J. D. Megowen, taking census	6 00
2237	J. T. Atchison & Son, printing	24 00
2238	First Trust and Savings Bank, coupons	48 00
2239	First Trust and Savings Bank, coupons	35 00
2240	William Stolp, janitor	15 00
2241	Alton Water Co., water rent, janitor's house	75
2242	John Drury, filing saws	37
2243	Postal Telegraph Co., telegram	4 25
2244	Beardslee Hardware Co., floor brushes	1 03
2245	S. J. Curlee, ribbon, etc.	19 55
2246	Chas. E. Megowan, supplies	6 00
2247	Earl Griffey, painting	73 00
2248	Sweetser Lumber Co., lumber	1 00
2249	Alton Gas and Elec. Co., light for June	85 60
2250	J. E. Hoffmann, repairs	4 03
2251	Ginn & Co., merchandise	
	Total orders	$11735 90

Paid Alton Banking and Trust Co., interest teachers' orders	$79 57	
Paid Citizens Nat. Bank, coupons due July 1, 1908	50 00	
" " Dec. 1, 1908	96 00	
" " "	24 00	
" " "	24 00	
" " Jan. 1, 1909	50 00	— 323 57
Total expenditures		$12059 47
Balance, cash on hand		2623 35
		$14682 82

LOAN FUNDS.

Amount of Loan Fund		$ 1283 80
Loaned as follows:		
A. E. Benbow, real estate security	$ 308 80	
Trustees M. E. Church, real estate security	500 00	
Mrs. Mary Loehr, real estate security	100 00	
William Wilhite, real estate security	325 00	
Balance on hand	50 00	$ 1283 80

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Bond No.	When Issued.	To Whom Payable.	When Due.	Amount.
3	July 1, 1902	Bearer	July 1, 1908	$500 00
4	"	"	July 1, 1909	500 00
5	"	"	July 1, 1910	500 00
6	"	"	July 1, 1911	500 00
7	"	"	July 1, 1912	500 00
1	June 1, 1905	"	June 1, 1913	600 00
2	"	"	June 1, 1914	600 00
3	"	"	June 1, 1915	600 00
4	"	"	June 1, 1916	600 00
5	"	"	June 1, 1917	600 00
6	"	"	June 1, 1918	600 00
7	"	"	June 1, 1919	600 00
8	"	"	June 1, 1920	600 00
9	"	"	June 1, 1921	600 00
10	"	"	June 1, 1922	600 00
11	"	"	June 1, 1923	600 00
12	"	"	June 1, 1924	600 00
Total bonded indebtedness				$9700 00

Bonds Nos. 3 and 4 of the first series are due, but cannot be located; interest has been stopped on same, and the bonds will be paid when presented. Order No. 2206 was allowed May 7, 1909, for $500 to take up bond No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. EMERSON,
Treasurer.

Superintendent's Report

For 1908-1909.

To the Honorable Board of Education of Upper Alton:

Gentlemen—I hereby submit the annual report of the Upper Alton Public Schools for the year ending July 31, 1909.

The enrollment and attendance for the year are shown by the following tables:

Table I.

EMROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE IN EACH DEPARTMENT.

GRADE	Enrollment			Av. Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	TEACHER
	Boys	Girls	Total				
HIGH SCHOOL	38	62	100	88	95	180	C. F. Anderson, J. K. Skinner, Myrtle Denby.
CENTRAL SCHOOL:							
8th Grade	15	29	44	38	96	19	Martha Gray.
7th Grade	22	24	46	36	93	20	Kate B. Miller.
6th and 7th Grades	28	18	46	37	93	23	Anna Hollard.
5th and 6th Grades	18	29	47	39	93	38	Rita S. Webster.
5th Grade	23	26	49	40	93	28	Verna Frost.
4th Grade	27	21	48	40	93	11	Bessie Cresswell.
4th Grade	23	27	50	41	95	12	Olive B. Christy.
3rd Grade	33	24	57	33	92	28	Grace B. Lowe.
2nd Grade	31	24	55	44	91	6	Lillian B. Gillham.
1st Grade (*a*)	29	26	55	39	87	52	Cora E. Miller.
1st Grade (*b*)	37	40	77	48	83	13	Lelia Moore.
GILLHAM SCHOOL:							
No. 2	32	21	53	27	90	45	Rhoda E. Bartlett.
No. 1	20	20	40	31	88	103	Lillian Curlee.
LINCOLN SCHOOL	31	36	67	42	87	87	Wm. Wilhite.
Totals	407	427	834	623	91	665	

Table II.—Summary.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Enrollment for Year	699	723	742	764	769	792	798	827	834
Daily Attendance	653	652	644	645	592	614	634	603	573
Per Cent of Attendance	95	96	93	92	87	90	91	90	89
Tardiness	19	62	52	86	72	76	100	103	91
Pupils Not Tardy	680	656	668	658	640	633	640	573	598
Pupils Not Absent	424	387	340	347	239	321	290	229	288
Enrollment for Month	699	665	685	693	690	668	667	675	663

The plan of work pursued last year has been followed this year with, we believe, satisfactory results. The State Course of Study, after two years' use, adhering as closely as possible to it, can this year be followed as closely as desired.

The change of Arithmetics and Grammars at the beginning of the year has proved beneficial the first year, and better results should follow this year. The change to the Ward Rational Method in Reading in the first three grades has been especially helpful, enabling children to readily read any ordinary print wherever found. Children LEARN TO READ in the first four grades, and should READ TO LEARN thereafter. This system, if properly taught, will bring these results.

The introduction of Music into the school has supplied a long felt need, and, for the most part, the children have been greatly profited by it. The patrons have co-operated with us, and the work has proven a great inspiration.

The children, after Mr. Gillham's death, placed a large picture of him in the auditorium in honor of his long service in their interests.

The attendance for the year was not what it should have been. It may be the matter of attendance and punctuality on part of the children was not given the attention by the parent that should have been. A truant officer might remedy this matter, and thus improve the condition.

The High School attendance has been the largest in the history of the school, the enrollment reaching 100. The interest has been good and the work of most of the pupils will stand the test for actual use, or to obtain advanced standing in other schools.

During the year three patrons' meetings were held that have done much towards bringing the parent in closer touch with the work of the school. County Superintendent Uzzell addressed the patrons at the second meeting, and State Superintendent Blair delivered a very helpful address at the last meeting. These meetings, if continued, will be helpful to the school interests of the community.

I desire to thank the board, teachers and patrons for the loyalty and courtesies shown me in my effort to do the best thing, as I have seen it, for the schools, and to assure you they have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. CURLEE, Superintendent.

Tuition Collected for the Year 1908-9 from Non-Resident Pupils.

Clarence Adams	$ 12.00
John Q. Adams, Jr.	12.00
Esther Brooks	13.50
Ralph Culp	13.50
Leland Denham	13.50
Myrtle Foley	5.00
Emma Groshans	13.50
Fred Hite	7.50
Bessie Stallings	9.00
Helen Stallings	9.00
Lulu Stallings	9.00
Udell Stallings	9.00
Edith Vonbergen	13.50
Eva Voorhees	13.12
Lawrence Voorhees	12.72
Van Voorhees	13.11
Total	$178.95

S. J. CURLEE, Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Course of Study in the High School embraces two distinct courses—English Scientific Commercial and English Classical, the former giving an opportunity to those who wish a good strong High School course without the languages; the latter giving the student a strong High School course embracing four years Latin.

This arrangement, we believe, will meet the demands of all wishing a thorough High School training and will at the same time admit those who complete either course into many of our better colleges without examination.

The school is accredited at the State University on all the work now carried until June 1, 1910.

The teaching force consists of four instructors in the High School and fourteen in the grades.

The rates of tuition found on another page are quite low, lower in fact than the cost to our home pupils. Our object in putting them thus is that more pupils may avail themselves of the opportunity to receive a good education.

School opens Tuesday, September seventh, and continues in session nine months, and the school year is divided into two terms of about equal length.

Upper Alton is a good place to get your education, a good place to prepare for college or university, and a good place in which to make your home.

Course of Study.

In planning this little handbook for the guidance of the teacher, pupil and parent, we have carefully considered the best interests of all, and in doing so we have adopted the State Course of Study as prepared for the common schools of Illinois, and revised in 1907, for the guide of both pupil and teacher in all grades below the High School.

The chief object to be gained in the use of a Course of Study is unity of effort. To secure this it is necessary that each teacher knows what part of the whole work she is required to do. This information

the State course undertakes to give by indicating the kind and amount of work which an average class can do in a given time.

We do not wish to destroy the individuality of the teacher nor dictate to her the method she must follow.

We do, however, wish to secure a careful grading in the work of our schools, and to secure this we believe the teacher not only should be thoroughly familiar with the requirements of her own grade but should also have a clear knowledge of the work required in the grades above and below her.

Care should be taken that all studies in a grade be advanced alike. Do not let some favorite study receive more than its share of time and attention.

The chief aim to be attained by the teacher is to secure to each pupil the greatest advantages consistent with the good of all.

Observation Work.

Let much attention be given to the forms of plant life, the various forms and functions of the different organs of the plants, the uses of the plant, etc.

As many of the common plant forms should be carefully studied as time will permit.

Many useful lessons may be taught from observations made on the various forms of insect life, so abundant in the fall of the year. Bird life and animal, both from nature and from art, will give an extensive field for exploration.

Cultivate a love for nature by developing the powers of observation.

Outline of the Grade Work.

Primary Division	Primary	Reading. Spelling. Language. Number. Writing. Music. Drawing.
	First Year	
	Second Year	
Intermediate Division	Third Year	Reading. Spelling. Language. Arithmetic. Physiology, Hygiene. Music. Drawing.
	Fourth Year	Reading. Spelling. Language. Arithmetic. Physiology, Hygiene. Geography. Music. Drawing.
	Fifth Year	Reading. Spelling. Grammar. Arithmetic. Writing. Physiology. Geography. Music. Drawing.
	Sixth Year	Reading. Spe ling. Grammar. Arithmetic. Writing. Physiology. History. Music. Drawing.
Advanced Division	Seventh Year	Reading. Orthography. Grammar. Arithmetic. Writing. Physiology. History. Geography. Music. Drawing.
	Eighth Year	Reading. Orthography. Grammar. Arithmetic. Writing. History. Geography. Civics. Music. Drawing.

High School Course.

The High School Course, covering a period of four years, is intended to be as flexible as possible and still meet the requirements of our better colleges and universities.

The Upper Alton High School is accredited at the State University of Illinois, and also with a number of colleges of this and adjoining States, hence it behooves us to keep our work fully up to normal.

To do this, and at the same time meet the demands of the majority of young people, we have deemed it wise to make the High School work partially elective.

English, Mathematics, History and Science being deemed essential in the make-up of a good educational foundation, are required of all.

FRESHMAN.

Commercial Geography.	Latin—Grammar and Reader.
Bookkeeping.	Algebra.
Algebra.	Composition and Rhetoric.
Composition and Rhetoric.	Physiology.
Physiology.	Physical Geography.
Physical Geography.	Music or Drawing.
Music or Drawing.	

SOPHOMORE.

Zoölogy.	Latin—Cæsar and Composition.
Botany.	Adv. Algebra, 24 w.
Adv. Algebra, 24 w.	Plane Geometry, 14 w.
Plane Geometry, 14 w.	Rhetoric and Classics.
Rhetoric and Classics.	General History.
General History.	Music or Drawing.
Music or Drawing.	

JUNIOR.

Commercial Arithmetic.	Latin—Virgil and Composition.
Plane Geometry, 24 w.	Plane Geometry, 24 w.
Solid Geometry, 14 w.	Solid Geometry, 14 w.
History of English Literature.	History of English Literature.
Physics.	Physics.
Music or Drawing.	Music or Drawing.

SENIOR.

American History.	American History.
Civics.	Civics.
College Entrance Req.	College Entrance Req.
Chemistry.	Chemistry.
	Latin—Cicero and Composition.
Review Common Branches.	Review Common Branches.
Music or Drawing.	Music or Drawing.

Music and Drawing constitute one study. The pupil may elect four years of either Music or Drawing, or two years of each, or one year of one and three years of the other. For four years of this work one credit is allowed. Except Music and Drawing, one study for one year equals one credit. Seventeen credits entitles the student to a diploma. Seventeen credits from the Latin Course entitles the student to entrance to the State University. The four years' course in Music and Drawing as above cannot be exacted of graduates until the year 1913. However, the class of 1910 must have sixteen and one-fourth credits and each succeeding class must increase one-fourth credit until the full seventeen credits are required in 1913. Special arrangements with regard to Music and Drawing may be made with pupils who may have done a portion of their work in another high school with a standing equal to this.

Required Work in English.

Freshman.

Visions of Sir Launfal.
Ivanhoe.
Merchant of Venice.
Ancient Mariner.

Sophomore.

Tennyson's Idyls of the King.
Macbeth.
Silas Marner.
Sir Roger De Coverley Papers.

Junior.

Julius Cæsar.
Cotter's Saturday Night.
Lady of the Lake.
As You Like It.

Senior.

Milton's L'Allergo Il Penseroso.
Comas and Lycidas.
Essays on Addison and Johnson.
Hamlet.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech.
Emerson's Compensation.

The following are recommended for outside reading. Full credit will be given for this work when thoroughly prepared.

Sohrab and Rustum.
Lays of Ancient Rome.
Man Without a Country.
Twice Told Tales.
Franklin's Biography.
Mazeppa.
Prisoner of Chillon.
Lorna Doone.
Pilgrim's Progress.
Tale of Two Cities.
Travel with a Donkey.
Sharp Eyes.
Rape of the Lock.
Fairie Queen.
Poe's Poems.
Twelfth Night.
Vicar of Wakefield.
Quinter's Durwood.
Bacon's Essays.
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.
Palgrave's Golden Treasure.
House of Seven Gables.
Henry Esmond.
DeQuincy's Flight of a Tartar Tribe.
DeQuincy's Joan of Arc.
Emerson's Essays.
Sesame and Lilies.
Washington's Farewell.
Bunker Hill Oration.

Rules and Regulations

of the

Upper Alton Board of Education.

Section 1. The members of the Board of Education shall meet and organize on the first Friday in August of each year, at which time the Secretary shall be elected and the President appoint the following standing committees:

1. Finance (two members).
2. Education (Superintendent and one member).
3. Supplies and Repairs (two members).

The President shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of each committee, in addition to the other two.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to have supervision of the school funds and accounts, and to keep the Board informed as to the condition thereof. They shall audit and report upon all bills and accounts before action is taken on their payment by the Board.

2. It shall be the duty of the Educational Committee to recommend, from time to time, such improvements in the course of study and such changes in the text books, maps, etc., used in the schools as may be deemed expedient. But no change shall be made except at a regular meeting of the Board, and upon a vote of a majority of the entire Board in favor thereof. The committee shall have the authority to transfer teachers and to make temporary appointments to fill vacancies that may occur; but such transfers and appointments shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting for approval. This committee shall also be a visiting committee, and as such should visit the schools as frequently as possible and report to the Board at the next regular meeting the result of their visit.

3. It shall be the duty of the Supplies and Repairs Committee to examine the buildings from time to time, and to recommend such repairs and alterations of buildings, appurtenances, etc., as they may think proper. It shall be their duty, under the direction of the Board, to advertise for proposals, receive bids and make contracts for building and repairs. They shall of their own motion procure all necessary extraordinary supplies when so ordered by vote of the Board.

Section II. The regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held on the first Friday of each month. Special meetings may be called upon request of the President and two members, said request to be presented to the Secretary. The Secretary shall give at least six hours' notice, verbally or in writing, of all regular or special meetings.

Section III. The President shall call the meeting to order at the appointed time, and on the appearance of a quorum shall proceed to business in the following order:

1. Reading of minutes, if a regular meeting.
2. Reports—Standing committees, special committees, superintendent.
3. Consideration of claims against Board, if a regular meeting.
4. Communications upon the Secretary's table.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Adjournment.

Section IV. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All elections of teachers and other officials shall be by ballot.

Section V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings; to give the casting of vote in case of a tie; to sign all orders for the payment of money, and to perform all such duties as are required by the school law. In the absence of the President a President *pro tempore* may be appointed, upon whom shall devolve all the duties of President.

Section VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board, to countersign all orders for the payment of money, and to perform all such duties as are usually connected with the office of Secretary or are required by the school law.

General Rules.

I. The school buildings shall be used for no other purpose than that of the accommodation of the public schools, except by permission of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

II. The school year will be nine calendar months, with an intermission of one week between Christmas and New Years unless otherwise determined by the Board.

III. The hours of school shall be from 9:00 o'clock a.m. to 12 m., and from 1:15 p m. to 4:00 p.m., with a recess of fifteen minutes in each session. The first grade pupils shall be dismissed thirty minutes earlier; the second, third and fourth grades following the first, respectively, five, ten and fifteen minutes thereafter.

IV. All instructions of the Board to both teachers and pupils shall be communicated to the Superintendent, and any appeal from the decisions must be in writing, signed by the party appealing, to the Committee on Education.

V. No announcement will be made, or advertisement read, on matters not pertaining to the school, unless by the permission of the Superintendent.

VI. New classes shall be formed in the primary grade at the beginning of each year for children who are, or will become six years of age before December 1st; and the first Monday in April for those who are, or will become six years of age during the school term.

VII. Text books used and studies pursued shall be such and only such as may be legally authorized by the Board of Education, provided that in the higher grades pupils may, as reference or collateral study work, use any text on the subject under consideration, but in no case

Section 3. Teachers may be assigned work in any department of the school or changed from one department to another whenever the Board deems the best interests of the school demand it.

Section 4. All teachers are required to be in their respective rooms, both morning and afternoon, at least fifteen minutes before time for the session to commence, and the rooms shall not open for the reception of pupils before the arrival of teachers; provided, that one room under the supervision of some one of the teachers or some other responsible person, may be opened earlier in inclement weather and kept open for the accommodation of pupils during the noon hour.

Section 5. Each teacher shall prepare a program of daily school work, a copy of which shall be furnished the Superintendent within two weeks after the beginning of school, and such program must be strictly adhered to, and must not be changed without the consent of the Superintendent.

Section 6. All teachers will have charge and control of their respective rooms, and will be held responsible for the teaching, order and discipline of same. It shall be their duty to co-operate with the Superintendent and with each other in securing uniform good order on the part of the pupils, while passing through the halls and along the stairways, and while pupils are passing in and out; also during the time that pupils are on the playgrounds, before school and at recess. When school is dismissed they shall see that their pupils go immediately from the school grounds on their way home.

Section 7. As to discipline, teachers are requested to govern by kind and gentle means if possible, avoiding the use of harsh words or cruel modes of punishment. Corporal punishment may be resorted to in extreme cases, but when resorted to the cause of punishment must be reported to the Superintendent the same day.

Section 8. Teachers may report to the Superintendent any pupil whose conduct or character is injurious to the reputation of the school, or whose parent or guardian refuses or neglects to co-operate with the teachers in enforcing the rules and regulations. In such cases the Superintendent may suspend the pupil for one day or inflict such other punishment as in his judgment the case may demand: provided, that in case of suspension the Superintendent must report the matter to the Board and to the parents or guardian.

Section 9. At the close of day, or as soon thereafter as possible, teacher of a pupil who has been absent or tardy that day shall notify such pupil's parents or guardian of the fact, unless the matter has been previously explained. And where excuses for tardiness or absence are furnished they must be placed on file for future reference.

Section 10. Teachers shall acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations of the Board and assist the Superintendent in enforcing the same.

Section 11. From 8:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. teachers will be required to take care of their respective rooms, and look after the ventilation and temperature of the same. All necessary supplies in taking care of rooms will be supplied on application to the Superintendent.

Section 12. They shall keep a full and accurate register of the age, attendance, tardiness and deportment of each pupil. They must keep a record of the result of each month's examination, recording each pupil's grades in a book furnished them for this purpose by the Board, and giving each pupil a copy of his grades. And they must prepare such reports from their respective departments as may be needed by the Superintendent in his reports.

Section 13. Teachers are required to keep themselves prepared for work and posted as to the best methods of teaching. They are required to attend the teachers' meetings in this district or county unless prevented from so doing by sickness or inclement weather.

Section 14. All applications of teachers must be made in writing and accompanied by satisfactory evidence of moral worth and skill in teaching. Teachers, on being notified of their election, shall signify their acceptance in writing, within one week after the reception of the notice.

Janitors.

Section 1. The janitors shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Board in August. They shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 2. They shall have care of their respective school buildings, outhouses and grounds pertaining thereto, and shall serve under the direction of the Superintendent.

Section 3. They shall make all the necessary fires, and have the rooms properly heated at least thirty minutes before the time of commencing school in the morning.

Section 4. They shall sweep thoroughly every room, hall and stairway at least once each day, and with a cloth remove all dust every morning from the desks, chairs, tables, etc.

Section 5. They shall see that all clocks are kept in running order and regulated when necessary.

Section 6. They shall make, so far as they can, any repairs that may be necessary in and about the school buildings.

Section 7. They shall, at such times as may be necessary to insure cleanliness, attend to washing of floors, seats, desks, stairs, doors, wainscoting towels and windows; they shall keep all the rooms and walls in neat condition; they shall remove all snow from the steps and walks about the buildings.

Section 8. They shall exercise the closest attention and greatest care in and about the heating and ventilation of the rooms, they alone being responsible for any damage resulting from negligence. They shall receive and stow away properly all fuel.

Section 9. They shall take proper care of brooms, buckets, shovels, etc., avoiding as far as possible all waste or injury of the same.

Section 10. When supplies are needed, orders addressed to the Supplies Committee for the same may be obtained from the Superintendent, who will state from personal knowledge that the articles mentioned are necessary.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the janitors to lock the windows and doors; to cut the grass and keep the grounds in proper condition; to care for the flowers; to remove all rubbish from the grounds; to keep the premises in good order, and to do anything and everything that may tend to make the school house and premises neat, healthful, attractive, comfortable and agreeable.

Section 12. On stormy and cold winter days the janitors shall see that all pupils be admitted to the school house a half hour before school opens.

Section 13. They shall perform such other duties as the Superintendent may request, and be under special direction of the committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Section 14. They are specially authorized and instructed to prevent any rude or disorderly conduct in the rooms or on stairways or walks adjacent to the building, or any improper behavior anywhere, to report to the Superintendent any use of tobacco or profane language, or any other violation of the rules of the school, and to report any damage done to the school property by any person.

Duties of Pupils.

1. No pupil shall be admitted under the age of six years, or who is known to be affected with any contagious disease, or coming from a family where such disease prevails.

2. Pupils not regularly classified must report themselves to the Superintendent for assignment to their proper grades, and no pupil shall be enrolled by any teacher who has not been thus assigned.

3. All pupils are expected to commence school at the beginning of the term or as soon as possible thereafter, as classification is based on this expectation, and to be effective this course must be adhered to.

4. Pupils must pursue the studies and have the books and utensils required by the grades, and will be advanced from one grade to another only after a thorough and satisfactory examination in all the studies required, and then only in accordance with Section 5.

5. No pupil who is absent from any regular examination of his grade, unless such absence is caused by sickness or other unavoidable necessity, will receive grades for that month, and two failures in the year will debar the pupil from promotion unless by special permit of the Board with the concurrence of the teacher and Superintendent.

6. Pupils whose monthly average is below the required standard, 75, unless for some good reason satisfactory to the Superintendent, will not be advanced with their grade without the permission of the Superintendent.

7. Non-resident pupils may be admitted upon application to the Board, and when admitted will be expected to conform to the rules and regulations of the school.

8. Non-resident pupils may be admitted to the High School department on presentation of a common school diploma or its equivalent, given by some competent authority, or upon a thorough and satisfactory examination by the Superintendent.

9. In case of absence or tardiness a written excuse, signed by the parent or guardian, will be required; in cases where the excuse is unsatisfactory the parent or guardian's urgent necessity will be considered a satisfactory excuse for absence or tardiness.

10. No pupil shall be permitted to go to any room except his own nor to leave the school at recess or at any other time without the permission of the teacher, and such permission may not be granted except in case of sickness or other urgent necessity, without consulting the Superintendent.

11. Pupils must not remain on the play ground after school is dismissed.

12. No person connected with the school shall use tobacco or chewing gum in any of their forms within the school building, and smoking must not be indulged in on the school premises.

13. No person connected with the school shall make use of vulgar, obscene or profane language, either oral, written or printed, while on the school premises.

14. Any pupil whose conduct becomes decidedly injurious to the morals or efficiency of the school may be suspended by the Superintendent, and dismissed from the school by the Board.

15. Pupils are required to refrain from every kind of rude behavior in the school building, such as loud and boisterous laughing, talking, whistling, running and scuffling; they must not interfere in any way with the working of any school apparatus, or annoy nor molest passersby in any way.

16. No games liable to injure either pupils or property will be tolerated. The throwing of stones, snow balls or other missiles, or the use of sling shots, pea shooters, darts, bows and arrows, etc., are forbidden on the school premises or on the streets adjacent.

17. Any pupil who shall deface or injure any part of the school house, apparatus or furniture, or anything connected with the school shall repair or pay in full for all such damages. The penalty may be fixed and collected by the Superintendent, and in case of failure or refusal on the part of the pupil to make good the damage, he may report the pupil to the Board.

18. To complete unfinished work, to recite lessons not prepared at the proper time or the proper manner, or for any just and reasonable cause, pupils may be detained at recess or for a reasonable time after school. Pupils not detained must not loiter or play about the school building after dismissal.

16. Pupils must be regular and punctual in attendance, comply with all the rules and regulations of the school, and obey promptly the directions of the teachers, be ladylike and gentlemanly in their deportment, diligent in study, honest in work, truthful in bearing and courteous to each other.

General Remarks.

Literary exercises shall be held in each grade, in which each pupil shall participate as frequently as deemed advisable by the Superintendent and Board. Such exercises shall be graded and shall have equal weight with other studies in fixing pupil's rating for promotion or graduation.

All work of a literary nature must be under the supervision of a teacher.

Written tests or reviews to extend no longer than the usual recitation period may be given whenever the teacher in charge deems it necessary. All such written tests should be given without any previous notice, and will be estimated as ordinary recitation work in estimating the pupil's standing.

The standing of pupils is determined by daily recitations, written reviews and final examinations at the close of the term. Final examinations shall be estimated as one-fourth of the pupil's work in all grades below the High School, in which such examinations shall be estimated as one-third of the pupil's work.

Promotions are made regularly at the close of the school year, and at other times when the ability of the pupil admits of higher work. It requires that pupils make a standing of 75 per cent in all studies of a grade before receiving promotion to the next higher grade.

A pupil who satisfactorily completes the work in the Eighth Grade will be granted a diploma or certificate admitting him to the High School.

Pupils who complete the High School course will be entitled to a diploma, signed by the proper authorities, and such diploma shall be presented with appropriate public exercises. The pupil having the highest average scholarship shall act as valedictorian, and the one standing second in the average scholarship shall act as salutatorian.

Conclusion.

We recommend that parents become better acquainted with the Superintendent, teachers and school methods in general. You can encourage the noble workers by visiting the different departments and showing a personal interest in the work that has to do with your child. Parents should be sympathizers and not criticisers of our schools. Instead of reciting any complaints to the child or some idle gossiper, take it to the proper authority, be it Superintendent, teacher or Board. Remember you are not the only patron in the district to be pleased in every detail. It is possible what is tasteful to you is distasteful to your neighbor.

In making these suggestions and adopting any course of study, rules and regulations, we have the welfare of the schools uppermost in

mind, and have done our best regardless of time and energy. We can but beg of you to bear with all we have attempted, and sincerely plead for your hearty co-operation in furthering the progress of our schools to a more nearly perfect system and a higher standard of education, the products of which are broad-minded, God-fearing American citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COOK, President.
J. G. SEITZ.
HARRY HALTON.
F. M. BRASIER.
H. T. BURNAP.

Adopted by the Board, August, 1909.

Graduates of the High School

Class of '86.

Raymond Dyas,
Cora G. Bradley-Parsons,
Hattie Scovell-Loehr,
Hattie Streeper,
Alice Ehrler Hendricks,
*Bessie H. White-Barnard,
Norman F. Marsh.

Class of '88.

John K. James,
Mamie McReynolds,
Melvin A. Greeding,
Tillie King Deitiker,
Pearl Hewitt-Yeager,
Nellie Holt-King,
Bertha H. Wright-Wightman,
Olive M. Lowe-Riehl,
Nellie E. Dudley-Floyd.

Class of '89.

Lillian B. Gillham,
Howell Van Blarcom,
Sara B. Rodgers-Barnett,
Jennie C. Bradley-Legg,
Grace Powell-Messenger,
Vannie L. Draper,
Anna L. Holt,
Grace M. Saunders-Richardson.

Class of '91.

Caleb Bartlett,
Letha McReynolds-Windsor,
Harold Powell,
Bessie Kirkpatrick,
Maude Gearing-Clark,
Lillie Vogelpohl,
John T. Rice.

Class of '92.

Anna Still-Hughey,
Octavia H. Dodge,
Nettie Swettenham-Bates,
Henry Sims.
Mamie Young-Seely,
Hettie Tomlinson-Smithly,
Pliny Howard.

Class of '93.

Sadie E. Christman-Davis,
Mary F. Green,
Laura V. Erwin,
Lettie M. Gillham-Sargent,
Daisy B. Creswick-Rice.
Florence M. Maltby-Cochran,
Ida M. Ford-Parcell,
Bessie McReynolds-Baker.

*Deceased.

Class of '94.

Alice Philips,
Ernest A. Cathcart,
William H. Cooper,
*Edward E. Johnson,
Daisy V. Rice-Todd.
Lu Delle Cox-Powell,
Ona B. Coats-Megowen,
Maria B. Herb-Finkel.
Eva B. Powless-Dodd.

Class of '95.

Robert W. Reeves,
Altha D. Greeding-Atkin,
Anna M. Johnson,
Nancy M. E. McReynolds-Wagenfeldt,
Kate Morgan-Cathcart,
Alida R. Sims-Knapp,
Pearl E. Stanley-Launch,
Hettie J. Piggott.

Class of '96.

Olive Blanche Christy,
Nettie May Dixon-Todd,
Mary E. Armstead-Townsend,
Hattie R. Herb,
L. Genevieve Webster-White,
Sadie L. Lowe-Wempen,
Ruth Powell-Smith,
Nellie F. Dorsey.

Class of '97.

Lillian J. Warnack-Starkey,
Bessie E. Gere-Hailam,
*Annie E. Hastings-Sutton,
Benjamin H. Lowe,
Walter S. Hallam,
Bessie M. Harlan-Rothernburg.
Mayme Cameron,
Cora Smirl-Mayfield.

Class of '99.

Jennie A. McReynolds,
Maude Ethel Osborn,
Susie Alleen Lowe,
Emily Lucile Wempen,
Anna Cameron,
Nellie A. Machin.

Class of 1900.

Mary M. Dodge-Voit,
M. Alberta Durham-Nelson,
Tena J. Misegades,
Lulu B. Elwell,
Sadie A. Owen-Walton,
Bernice L. Powell-Chalk,
J. Barnard Hastings,
Sarah E. Megowen.

Class of '01.

Henrietta Still-Kortkamp,
Sarah Edith Lowry,
Gertrude N. McCord,
Dora Alice Ford,
Frank A. McCord,
Lutie Vivian Jarvis,
Mamie Harting,
Maude D. Garrett-Williams,
Jane Blair Rice.

*Deceased.

Class of '02.

Lillian M. Kidwell-Goring,
D. Edwin Stoeckel,
Arthur B. Culp,
Josephine I. Megowen-Kortkamp.
Lillian M. Kestner.

Class of '03.

Daisy B. Jones,
Cora B. Synar-Belk,
B. Ray Hallam,
Harriet E. Durham,
Dot O. Gearing,
Goldie M. Walker-Dodge,
Roy E. Gearing,
Tessie M. Worthey,
Bessie H. Smith,
Sophia E. Dickinson-Newman,
B. Pearl Garrell-Deem.

Class of '04.

Thomas Grover Lowry,
Lelia Lee Moore,
Cornelia Theresa Moore,
Nellie E. McMahon,
Cora Ellis Miller,
Harriet Emyline Swain,
Lillian Ruth Miller,
Wilma I. Moore.

Class of '05.

Orina Josephine Nunn,
Bessie Ione Cresswell,
Eva Leonora Moore,
Alvena Gerson-Williams,
Julia Birdie Machin,
Hortense Pansie Stafford,
Nellie Grace Smith.

Class of '06.

George Clayton,
Edith Warnack.

Class of '07.

Earl McDow,
Clarence Sargent,
Alan A. Atchison,
John McHale,
Florence Miller-Stotts,
Emilie Ireland-Smith,
Grace Lowe,
Eunice Drum,
Lutie Rice,
Evangeline Deem,
Nan A. Lowry,
Marie Tunker,
Jean Strider,
Georgia Boyd.

Class of '08.

Alice Williamson,
Carrie Draper,
Robert Lowry,
Ruth Megowen,
Amy Strider,
Matilda Williams.
Della Egerton,
Frank Coulter,
Hattie Scovell,
Leo Dodson,
Grace Brumm,
Earl Griffey.

Class of '09.

Cecelia Krinard,
Merle Campbell,
Edith Vonbergan,
Leland Denham.
Sue B. Lowe,
Hazel Christy,
Florence Forward.

Upper Alton School District.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Upper Alton.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. All the territory lying within the corporate limits of the town of Upper Alton, as defined in article one, section two of this act, with such other territory as may be hereafter incorporated with and come under the jurisdiction of said town, and within the boundaries extended for school purposes only, as follows, viz.: On the north, to the township line between townships five (5) and six (6) north, on the east, three-fourths (¾) of a mile—said eastern boundary being extended south till it strikes Wood River—and thence, along said Wood River, to where the quarter section line of sections seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) strikes the said river, on the south, to the said quarter section line of sections seventeen (17) and eighteen (18), on the west, to Alton City and range line between range nine (9) and ten (10) west, is hereby enacted into a common school district, to be known as the Upper Alton School District. (As amended by an act approved March 29, 1869).

§ 2. The town council of said town shall appoint a Board of Education, to consist of not more than five members nor less than three, for the term of three years each. Said board shall be divided, by lot, into classes, to serve one, two and three years. And all appointments, other than to fill vacancy, shall be annual, and shall be made on the first day of August, of each year, except when that day shall fall on Sunday; in which case, on Monday following: *Provided*, that the present board shall hold their offices, as heretofore appointed by the town council, and for the terms determined, unless resigned or removed: *Provided, also*, that the town council may remove any member for gross neglect or dereliction or manifest disqualification for the office. All vacancies occurring, by resignation or removal, shall be filled for the unexpired term only of the member resigning or removed. Said Board of Education shall have exclusive jurisdiction and supervision of all public schools in said town, and shall have all the powers and discharge all duties that are now incumbent upon school directors under the laws of the State of Illinois relating to common schools, and to cities and incorporated towns, under section seventy-nine of "An act to establish and maintain a system of free schools in

the State of Illinois," as amended February 16, 1865. (As amended by an act approved March 28, 1869).

§ 3. The Board of Education shall have power to sell and convey any and all property now held by the trustees and directors of schools within the town, for the purpose of purchasing the sites or erecting school houses, and, generally, to have and possess all the rights, powers and authority necessary for the proper management of the schools of said town and the school lands and funds belonging to said school district, are now enlarged with power to enact such rules and by-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the power hereby granted: *Provided*, that in case of sale or lease for more than one year a concurrence of all the members of the board, if it shall consist of but three, and of four, if it shall consist of five, shall be necessary. (As amended by an act approved March 29, 1869.)

§ 4. All the school taxes and all moneys for school purposes, from any and all sources whatever, and all special taxes voted for school purposes, shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and shall be kept a separate fund, for school purposes exclusively; and any special tax or moneys raised by tax or loan, for the purpose of purchasing site or building or purchasing school house, voted by the people of the district, shall be kept separate from moneys raised for general purposes, and shall be appropriated for no other purpose than that designated by the call for an election to vote such funds. (As amended by an act approved March 29, 1869.)

§ 5. *And be it further enacted:* That the treasurer of the town of Upper Alton may and shall be the treasurer of the Board of Education. The treasurer shall give good and sufficient bonds to the Board of Education, for the faithful discharge of his trust. He shall report to the board, as often as required, and shall pay out moneys for school purposes only upon the written order of the board, signed by the president and secretary. And no order shall be drawn for any purpose, unless the same shall be acted upon and the amount voted at a regular or called meeting of the Board of Education.

§ 6. Said board shall have full power, and it shall be their duty, to provide suitable school houses and grounds, by purchase or lease, and keep them in repair, alter or enlarge, as may be necessary for the proper accommodation of all the pupils of the district; to procure necessary furniture, fixtures, books, maps, globes, charts, apparatus, library or libraries, and all necessary appliances for the accommodation, support and successful operation of a system of public graded schools, grade and classify the same, elect and employ competent and suitable teachers and other agents and assistants, and prescribe their duties, fix their salaries and compensation, and, generally and specifically, make and execute and enforce such rules, regulations and by-laws as they may deem necessary to establish and perpetuate a system of public graded school instruction, most complete, thorough and efficient: *Provided*, that they shall not purchase a site nor erect a new school house, except upon the vote of the qualified electors of the district, as now provided for in the common school laws of this State.

§ 7. Said board shall have full power, and it shall be their duty, to establish a central high school and such other primary or intermediate departments, to be taught in one or more buildings, as they may deem necessary and as circumstances or necessity may require. They shall prescribe what studies shall be pursued, the text books to be used, the grade or standard of scholarship for admission to the higher departments as to form a regular and uniform course of preparation for the higher. They shall also have full power to elect and employ a Principal, define and prescribe his duties and relations to all the departments of public instruction, and such assistant or assistants as may be necessary; remove, suspend or dismiss any teacher, for incompetency or whenever, in their judgment, the interest of the schools shall demand it: *Provided*, that no teacher shall be removed without at least ten days notice and a written statement signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of the reasons for such removal, if the teacher should so desire.

§ 8. Said board shall have full power to determine the length of time schools shall be taught during the year: *Provided*, that the school year shall not be more than forty-two weeks nor less than thirty-six weeks in any one year, and that schools shall not be required to be taught on the days now set apart and excepted by the common school laws of the State and common custom. Said board shall, also, have power to determine the number and lengths of the terms and vacations of the school year and rates of tuition for all pupils non-resident or above lawful age.

§ 9. It shall be the duty of the Board of Education and they shall have full power to determine the amount of money needed for school purposes and to be raised by tax, over and above the amount of public moneys and incomes from all sources, except taxes, for one year from the first Monday of September of each, and report the same, by the direction of or with the approval of the town council, to the clerk of Madison county, within ten days, and it shall then be spread upon the assessment roll of the tax-payers of the Upper Alton School District as other taxes, and, when collected, shall be paid over to the treasurer of said town separately and apart from the taxes of the township, for school purposes, and at the same times in which the sheriff of said county is by law now required to pay over such funds.

§ 10. All school lands, school funds and other real estate and personal estate, notes, bonds or other obligations belonging to township five (5) north, range nine (9) west, of Madison County, Illinois, held or owned for school purposes, shall be divided as follows: Between the Upper Alton School and the portion of the township without the same, in the proportion and manner following, viz.: The trustees of schools of said township shall, within twenty days after the passage of this act, appoint two commissioners, who are freeholders, one a resident of said district and one a resident of the township without said Upper Alton District, who, after being sworn well and truly to discharge their duties, shall ascertain the whole number of white persons under twenty-one years of age residing in the Upper Alton School District and the whole number residing in the township without the same, and thereupon said trustees shall divide and apportion the said lands, funds, real or personal estate, notes, bonds, or obligations of said township, between the Upper Alton School District and the township without the same, according to the number of said persons under twenty-one years of age residing in each portion. Said division and apportionment shall be made at the regular meeting of said trustees, in April, or at a meeting adjourned for the purpose of completing said apportionment. Said trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in said commissioners.

§ 11. Said trustees or other person or persons having custody or control of such funds or lands, as enumerated or referred to above, shall pay over and deliver to the Board of Education of said school district the proportion thereof, as determined by said trustees, and execute and deliver to said Board the necessary deeds and other conveyances and transfers of all kinds, so that the entire portion belonging to Upper Alton School District shall be in custody and control of said Board of Education. Said Board shall also have power to loan funds, upon such conditions and rates as the law in such cases provides.

§ 12. The Board of Education shall have power to elect a president and secretary, and prescribe their duties. They may, also, provide for the times and places of meeting, either upon adjournment, regular or called. A majority shall constitute a quorum for any business: *Provided*, that no sale of property or lease for more than one year shall be made only upon the conditions of this act, sec. 3.

§ 13. If at a meeting, of which due notice shall be given, the colored inhabitants of said Upper Alton District shall so petition, the Board of Education may take charge of their school or schools, appoint a teacher or teachers, and in all suitable ways exercise supervisions over them: *Provided*, that no additional taxes shall be levied on account of such school or schools otherwise than provided for by law.

§ 14. Any acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Nor shall any amendment of the charter of Upper Alton be construed to alter or amend this act, unless so stated, specifically, by reference to each and every section so amended.

§ 15. The town council of Upper Alton shall have full power to pass an ordinance, not conflicting with the foregoing provisions, to carry into effect the system of graded schools herein recognized and established, fix penalties for violations of its provisions or for damages and trespass to or upon school property and grounds; and, generally, all duties not specifically granted herein in relation to schools shall devolve upon the town council or the Board of Education, by their ordinance.

§ 16. This act shall be considered a public act, and shall take effect upon and after its passage: *Provided*, the provisions of this act shall not be construed to limit or abridge the power of the Board of Education of the said town of Upper Alton for and during the present school year.

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